

**Balance of State Continuum of Care Regional Meetings  
Spring 2014 Minutes**

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>					
<b>All meetings:</b>	<b>April 29<sup>th</sup>— Region 1, Parker</b>	<b>May 5<sup>th</sup>— Region 4, Florence</b>	<b>May 6<sup>th</sup>— Region 3, Show Low</b>	<b>May 7<sup>th</sup>— Region 5, Benson</b>	<b>May 8<sup>th</sup>— Region 2, Cottonwood</b>
Karia Basta, ADOH	Bill Risen, Colorado River Regional Crisis Shelter	Dorine Prine, Gila County CAP	Michael Henninger, Bread of Life Mission	Joy Johnson, ADOH	Floyd Nelson, The Guidance Center
Anne Scott, ADOH	Rafael Jubera, National Community Health Partners	Dianna Guerrero, CAHRA	Nancy Barela, Good Shepherd	Kathy Calabrese, Good Neighbor All.	Eliza Loudon, Catholic Charities- SSVF
Catherine Rea, CIR	Ellen Went, Telesis Preparatory Academy	Suzanne Payan, CAHRA	Angie Molique, CCC	Jennifer Vokins, Good Neighbor Alliance	Krystal Semmons, Catholic Charities- SSVF
Michelle Thomas, CIR	Barb Mikkelsen, NARBHA	Mary Lou Rosales, CAHRA	Ella Mercer, OCCAC	Amy Pinon, Good Neighbor All.	Pam Van Driel, Humboldt USD
Tricia Cano, CIR	Mike Simpson, Crossroads Mission	Kelly Guerra, JO Combs USD	Cindy Furrh, OCCAC	Kenneth Anderson, Good N. All.	Brandon Crisler, NAZCARE
Richard Marten, CIR	Alan Wentz, Crossroads Mission	Elizabeth Kloehr, JO Combs USD	James Barney, Social Sec. Admin.	Scott McDowell, Am. Red Cross	Sandi Flores, CC
Shantae Smith, CIR	Anna Albright, Crossroads Mission	Michelle Skurka, ADHS/DBHS	Shelley Narmi, VHA	Frank Real, American Red Cross	Camie Rasband, CC
Melissa Montano, CIR	Stephenie Castillo, KUSD #20	Danelle Valenzuela, ADHS/DBHS	Katherine Smith, VHA	Donna Vary, WTP	Kristin Lutsch, US Vets-Prescott
Cindy Flores, CIR	Romelia Lopez, WACOG	Judith Barnett, ACTS	James Latimer, WMCC	Laura Gastelum, WTP	Brenden Pitt, The Guidance Center
	Julia de los Reyes, WACOG	Nadia Gill- Williams, CUSD	Marjorie Keeto-Paxson, WMCC	Jordan Layton, CPSA	Lori Barlow, Flagstaff Shelter Serv.
	Mike Mcluskey, ACHIEVE	Albah Diaz, CGUHS		Maria Escarcega, Pasadera	Stephen Tomasello, FSS

	Valarie Donnelly, City of Yuma	Janice Poma, Stanfield Elem. School		Megan Lee, Pasadera	Cecile Mitchell, Sharon Manor
	Renina Descheney, The Guidance Center	Janie Smith, Soc. Sec. Admin.		Candice Galleano, Com. Bridges	Julie Montoya, Sharon Manor
	Coral Hanson, Social Security Administration	Rochelle Neff, NCHP		Virginia Avila, SEACAP	Sydney Axt, N. AZ Veterans Res. Center
	Jennifer Burch, Mohave County	Sheila Estrada, Horizon		Anita Baca, HA of Cochise County	Laura Salmone, Soc. Sec. Admin.
	Dave Wolf, Mohave County	Brad Pico, Sacaton Schools		Patricia Rogers, SEABHS	Mariah Peters, CC
	Barbara Blythe, Mohave County	Tiffany Booth, Cenpatico		Tiffany Booth, Cenpatico	Rachael Giebel, CC
				Laura Mendoza, CIA-Bisbee	William Koehler, CC-SSVF
				Cecilia Brown, SEACAP/So. Cochise and Santa Cruz	

## I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.
- Welcome and introductions.

## II. Overview, Discussion and Business

### Committees:

- **HMIS**
  - Welcome CIR
  - CIR has seven staff in attendance so that people can get to know them. We are looking forward to working together. Transition from the previous system administrator went smoothly.
  - HMIS Committee is writing the Policies and Procedures. The committee is reviewing three to four pages per meeting and anticipates finishing the process by the October statewide meeting.

- **Coordinated Assessment**

- As announced at the January meetings, VI-SPDAT will be the coordinated assessment tool
- VI-SPDAT is part of ServicePoint now
- ADOH applied for funding to conduct training on the use of the VI-SPDAT tool. If funded, Iain De Jong, the creator of VI-SPDAT, will conduct training this summer in the BOS regions.

- **Membership**

- MOU with local COC'S and Networks of Care are being signed. At this point, Mohave and Yuma have signed the MOU. Please take the lead in encouraging others to sign in their respective areas.
- Need volunteers on the eastern and southeastern part of the state to serve on membership committee. Please contact Joy Johnson of ADOH if interested.
- Discussion of best practices used locally to increase participation. Local groups shared strategies such as advertising and offering food to entice participants to attend meetings.

- **Governance**

- Karia reviewed the Governance Charter with relation to establishing Advisory Board. Board to have 7 members, one from each Region along with ADOH representative and someone who is currently or formerly homeless.
- Regional Representative Elections. Representatives to the Governance Advisory Board elected in each region:

Region 1: Dave Wolf, Mohave County

Valery Donnelly, City of Yuma

Region 2: Eliza Loudon, Catholic Charities

Region 3: Mike Henninger, Bread of Life Mission (*Update 5-21-14:had to withdraw—looking for another rep*)

Region 4: Suzanne Payan, CAHRA

Region 5: Anita Baca, Cochise County Housing Authority

- **Housing Inventory Count and Point in Time Count**

- HIC/PIT has been submitted to HUD. Numbers are 1,019 in emergency shelter; 330 in transitional; 2,275 individuals sheltered in all programs; and, 2567 total beds (seasonal and year round).
- Unsheltered count this summer was not approved by HUD for HDX entry. We received a prompt response from Michael Roanhouse, Director of Policy Coordination and Analysis, SNAPS, denying our request.
- Since it will not be an official HUD count, do we want to conduct an unsheltered count this summer?  
Vote held at each regional meeting. Final tally: 41 yes; 26 no; and, 13 abstained.

COC will need a lead from each county to coordinate the count locally. ADOH will provide questionnaire, webcast training, and tallying along with analysis of results.

- **Fair Housing Update**

- Fair Housing Partnership sponsored a day-long fair housing event in Phoenix, “Defining Crisis: The Connection between Mental Health, Financial Health, and Fair Housing” on April 11 at the Disability Empowerment Center. Michael Trailor opened the event and Karia Basta spoke as well. If sub grantees are able to attend this yearly event, it is very worthwhile.
- ADOH has contracted with the Southwest Fair Housing Council for fair housing training. Training may be scheduled in your local area at no cost to providers. If interested, contact the Southwest Fair Housing Council or Joy Johnson of ADOH who sits on the Fair Housing Partnership Council.

- **ESG Update**

- First three quarters of SFY2014, ESG Service Providers in the Balance of State have served and sheltered over 1,200 individuals.
- 524 individuals have been served through Rapid Re-housing or Homeless Prevention during the first three quarters of SFY2014 compared to 215 individuals served through Transitional Housing during the same period last year.
- Old Concho leads the way with 183 sheltered (35%).
- Emergency Shelter was provided to 699 individuals in the Balance of State during the first three quarters of SFY2014. Our newest partner, Cornerstone Mission in Kingman, led the way with 269 individuals served (38%).

- **COC**

- Discussion of prioritization of Chronically Homeless Individuals.
- Operating Manual to become a part of new contracts. ADOH Special Needs Team is working on the manual. It will be vetted through all sub-grantees before it becomes part of the Contract Scope of Work.
- Contracts should be coming from HUD soon for 2013 Applications.
- 2014 HUD COC NOFA to be published this summer.

- **SOAR Update**

- DHS is putting together a SOAR State Steering Committee. ADOH will have a representative on the Board, probably Karia Basta.
- Training is now available on-line. It is a 16 hour course that may be completed on-line and does not have to be completed in one day. Participants have 30 days to finish the course. Those that do will receive 16 hours of CEUs.
- If interested, contact \_\_\_\_\_.

- **HOPWA Update**

- The total FFY2014 HOPWA allocation is \$230,855. This is an increase of 8 thousand over last year. A total of 10% (\$23,086) of the grant award will be used for administration of which the state retains 3% (\$6,926). The remaining 90% (\$207,769) will be spent on direct service provision in the BOS. We currently have three HOPWA contracts: Northland Cares, NARBHA and Mohave County.

- **Out of Reach Report from NCSHA**

- The 2014 Out of Reach report states that there is no state in the nation where a full-time minimum wage worker can afford a one-bedroom or two-bedroom apartment renting at HUD's Fair Market Rent. The report concludes,

“On average, renters would need to work 2.6 full-time minimum wage jobs to afford a two-bedroom apartment at FMR. Overall, 53 percent of renters pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing and are considered ‘cost-burdened.’”

- In Arizona, renters would have to earn \$17.52 to afford the FMR for a two-bedroom unit without paying more than 30% of their income.

- **Consolidated Plan**

- It is time for the State to write a new 5 year Consolidated Plan to cover 2015-2019. Discussion was held around the topic of increased participation at Public Hearings if they were held in conjunction with the Regional Meetings? There was a consensus that yes, it would increase participation.

### **III. Closing Remarks**

- Agency Announcements
- Reminder: next round of meetings will be July/August 2014